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TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: PUBLIC WORKSHOP ON DEVELOPMENT OF THE AB 118 AIR
QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (AQIP) FISCAL YEAR 2010-11
FUNDING PLAN AND MODIFICATION TO THE AB 118 AIR QUALITY
GUIDELINES

The Air Resources Board (ARB) invites you to participate in a public workshop to discuss development of the AB 118 AQIP Funding Plan for Fiscal Year 2010-11 (FY 2010-11 Funding Plan) and modification to the AB 118 Air Quality Guidelines (Title 13 CCR §2340 et. seq.) as pursuant to AB 118 (Statutes of 2007), the California Alternative and Renewable Fuel, Vehicle Technology, Clean Air, and Carbon Reduction Act of 2007.

The meeting will be held at the following time and place:

Date: Tuesday, December 8, 2009
Time: 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Place: Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
Sierra Hearing Room, 2nd Floor
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Webcast Information

This meeting will be webcast for those unable to attend in person. The broadcast can be accessed on the day of the workshop at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/>. Information on submitting questions or comments will be provided during the webcast for remote participants. Staff's presentation will be posted in advance of the workshop on ARB's web site at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/aqip/meetings/fy2010-11.htm>.

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Meeting Information and Background

Development of the AQIP FY 2010-11 Funding Plan

AB 118 provides up to \$50 million annually through 2015 for the AQIP to fund a variety of air quality incentive projects, including low-emission vehicles and equipment projects, air quality research, and advanced energy technology workforce training. AQIP funds are unique in that they provide ARB with a significant, ongoing funding source to pay for technology advancing projects for the first time. In 2009, the Board established overarching implementation priorities and guiding principles directing AQIP funds to support development and deployment of the advanced technologies needed to meet California's longer-term, post 2020 State Implementation Plan (SIP) goals, and to fund projects that do not fit within the statutory framework of other ARB incentive programs. The Board envisioned that many of the project categories included in the FY 2009-10 Funding Plan would be funded for multiple years in order to achieve air quality benefits in reducing criteria or toxic air pollutants.

As part of developing the FY 2010-11 Funding Plan, ARB staff will seek public input to evaluate the project categories funded in 2009-10 and consider: 1) whether the projects are over-subscribed or under subscribed; and 2) whether continued funding should be proposed, and if so, whether modifications to project requirements are needed. The FY 2009-10 Funding Plan can be accessed at the web link

<http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/aqip/fundplan/fundplan.htm> . In developing the FY 2010-11 Funding Plan, ARB staff will also seek public input in order to:

- Reexamine the project categories not funded in FY 2009-10 and consider whether additional categories should be proposed for funding in FY 2010-11 that meet the AQIP's implementation priorities and guiding principles established by the Board.
- Evaluate the progress of the ARB truck loan program - Providing Loan Assistance for California Equipment (PLACE), and consider whether additional funding is needed.
- Reexamine opportunities to coordinate with other incentive programs such as the Energy Commission's AB 118 program or federal incentive programs.

Modification to the Air Quality Guidelines

In addition, ARB is proposing a minor administrative change to the regulation for the AB 118 Air Quality Guidelines to reference the adoption of the Low Carbon Fuel Standard. The Air Quality Guidelines, adopted in September 2008, ensure that both the AQIP and California Energy Commission's Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program complement, and do not interfere with, California's existing air quality programs and maintain or improve upon the emission benefits achieved through these programs.

Public Workshop Schedule

This is the first of two planned sets of workshops. The second set of AQIP workshops will be held in Sacramento, Southern California and the San Joaquin Valley in March 2010. ARB will bring the proposed Air Quality Guidelines revision and proposed FY 2009-10 Funding Plan to the Board for its consideration in early summer 2010.

Special Accommodations and Language Assistance

If you have a disability-related accommodation need, please 1) go to the following website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/htm/ada/ada.htm> for assistance or 2) contact our Disability Coordinator by voice at (916) 323-4916; or 3) access the California Relay Service at 711.

If you need assistance in a language other than English, please 1) go to the following website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/as/eeo/languageaccess.htm> or 2) contact the Bilingual Coordinator at (916) 323-7053 as soon as possible.

If you have questions regarding the workshop, please contact Ms. Meri Miles, at (916) 322-6370 or mmiles@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

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